

Police Regulations.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

WHEREAS by section eleven of the Police Force Act, 1908 (hereinafter termed "the said Act") it is enacted that the Governor may from time to time make such regulations respecting the training, arms and accoutrements, clothing, and equipment of such Force, and respecting all other matters connected therewith, as may be required for promoting the discipline and efficiency thereof:

And whereas it is expedient to revoke all regulations made or deemed to have been made under the said Act, and to make other regulations in lieu thereof:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon him by the said Act, and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in this behalf, doth hereby revoke the above-referred-to regulations, and in lieu thereof doth hereby make the regulations set forth in the Schedule hereto, and doth hereby declare that such revocation and the regulations hereby made shall take effect on the first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

SCHEDULE.

Constitution of the Force.

1. THE present establishment of the New Zealand Police Force consists of the following ranks, viz. :—

Commissioner,
Superintendents,
Inspectors,
Sub-Inspectors,
Senior Sergeants (including Chief Detectives),
Sergeants (including Detective Sergeants),
Constables (including Detectives and Acting-Detectives).

2. Members of the Force above the rank of Senior Sergeant are designated "commissioned officers," whilst Senior and other Sergeants are designated "non-commissioned officers."

3. The term "officer" when used alone in these regulations means a commissioned officer.

General Duties of the Different Ranks.*Commissioner.*

4. The Police Force is included in the Department of the Minister of Justice, and the Commissioner shall be directly responsible to that Minister of the Crown.

5. The Commissioner has, subject to the directions of the Minister, the superintendence and control of the Force.

6. He shall take every step in his power to cause all under his control to discharge their duties both to the Government and to the public satisfactorily and efficiently.

7. He must approve all expenditure, the ordering of supplies, the renting of premises for Police purposes, the acceptance of outside appointments or gratuities, the formation or abolition of stations, the increase or reduction of strength in districts and sub-districts, and all general instructions issued to members of the Force; and such approval must be obtained prior to any such action being taken, or, in cases of emergency, as soon after as circumstances permit.

8. He is empowered to issue or approve such directions for the government of the Force as circumstances may demand, provided such directions are in consonance with the existing Acts of Parliament regulating the superintendence and control of the Force.

Superintendents.

9. The Inspectors in charge of each of the four principal Police districts—viz., Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin—are designated "Superintendents," and it shall be their duty to superintend and control the members of the Force in their districts in accordance with Acts, regulations, and departmental directions, subject to the approval of the Commissioner in all instances.

10. A Superintendent shall be responsible for the prevention of crime, the detection of criminals, and the general preservation of peace in his district.

11. He must make himself acquainted with the various stations in his district and their requirements generally, and shall from time to time grant immediate Police protection to any locality that may require it, if it is apparent that the peace of such locality would be endangered by the delay consequent upon his referring the matter to the Commissioner.

12. He shall report on applications for the forming of new police-stations, and furnish the fullest possible information on the subject.

13. He shall make a proper division of such cities, boroughs, or towns, &c., as may be in his district into beats, and issue the necessary instructions for the proper working of such beats.

14. He shall inspect all officers, non-commissioned officers, and Constables under his charge, and maintain proper discipline over and amongst them.

15. He shall inspect barracks, stations, quarters, stables, paddocks, horses, arms, clothing, appointments, and equipments of the Force committed to his charge.

16. He shall see that all members of the Force are well acquainted with the regulations, that they regularly peruse and make themselves acquainted with the contents of the *Police Gazette*, and that they copy extracts therefrom into their memorandum-books of such portions as they are more particularly interested in, and that they note in the same manner the particulars of crime reports forwarded to their stations for circulation.

17. He shall cause the men to be instructed, when they have cases to bring before the Court, how to obtain evidence and conduct the cases so as to present the particulars to the Court as clearly and as intelligently as possible.

18. He shall promptly report to the Commissioner the occurrence in the district of any event of public importance, especially such events as affect the public peace.

19. In times of unusual political agitation he shall arrange for the attendance at political meetings of a sufficient number of trustworthy members of the Force to preserve the peace thereat.

20. He shall pay strict and constant attention to economy; and wherever he sees any means of reducing expense and promoting the utility of the Force under his charge he must not fail to communicate his views to the Commissioner.

21. When visiting stations he shall ascertain if the men have any complaints to make, and, if they have, take the necessary steps to have such complaints investigated.